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## **CALTRANS TO UPGRADE PAVEMENT ON HIGHWAY 1 IN WATSONVILLE**

**WATSONVILLE** – A project to upgrade the pavement on a 7-mile section of Hwy. 1 from Hwy. 129 to Freedom Boulevard will begin on Tuesday, September 5, Caltrans officials announced today.

One lane will be closed in each direction during construction, however the other lane will remain open at all times. Work will occur Sundays through Thursdays overnight from 7 pm to 6 am. Up to 15-minute delays are expected. Ramps will be subject to closure during work hours but two consecutive ramps will **not** be closed at the same time. The project is expected to be complete in late November.

Granite Construction Co. is the contractor for this \$2.8 million project, which is separate from the ongoing Hwy. 1/17 improvements and the Hwy. 1 paving in Aptos.

Caltrans reminds motorists to 'Slow for the Cone Zone'.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in Santa Cruz County, the public can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 831-423-0396 or visit the District 5 website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upscr.htm>.

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